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The Hawfinch (*Coccothraustes vulgaris*). This is a large finch and somewhat heavy and clumsy in appearance; it is, nevertheless, a handsome bird with fine plumage. The Hawfinch is a resident of the British Isles, while many Hawfinches come to Britain from further north during the winter. The song is not pretty, consisting of four shrill notes in an ascending scale. The nest of rootlets, twigs, and feathers is similar to that of the Bullfinch, only larger, and is generally built in an old tree several feet from the ground. The eggs, from four to six in number, are greenish blue, streaked olive brown.

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